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Vacancy in the selection grade in the Police service.

*763-F Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that promotions to the selection grade in the Imperial Police Service are made even though the vacancy is a very short one;

(b) whether it is a fact that a selection grade vacancy in the Provincial Police has been kept vacant for over two years, and why;

(c) whether any such vacancy has been allowed to exist in any other Provincial service for such a period;

(d) whether a definite recommendation was made by Mr. Armitage in 1926 to fill up this vacancy; and

(e) whether there is any discontentment among the Senior Deputy Superintendents of Police by keeping vacant a permanent vacancy in the selection grade?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes, because the Local Government have no power under Fundamental Rule 30 to make acting appointments in the selection grade.

(c) This will be answered after ascertaining the facts.

(d) The Government must decline to answer this question; recommendation rolls are strictly confidential.

(e) The Government are not aware of any discontent among the senior Deputy Superintendents of Police.

Mr. K. R. KARANT:—"I wish to ask with reference to the answer to clause (b) whether this Government have moved the Government of India to make these appointments for the vacancies, and if not, why not?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I think the Government did so, and the Government of India turned down our proposal."

Opening of a Police outpost at Neiveli.

*764 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the residents of Neiveli and other villages in the Tiruvallur taluk in the Chingleput district have petitioned the Inspector-General of Police and the District Superintendent of Police, Chingleput, to put up a Police outpost at Neiveli;

(b) whether the distance between Neiveli and Pennalur Pettai where the Police Station is situated is about 17 miles; and

(c) whether the Government will consider the advisability of opening a Police outpost at Neiveli?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The distance is about 11 miles.

(c) They do not see any justification for an outpost at Neiveli.

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Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" Will the Government at least now consider the advisability of including this village under the Tiruvallur police sub-station, considering the fact that it is nearer to Tiruvallur than to Pennalur Pettai ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I want notice, Sir."

Military

Notification regarding messing allowance to military officers.

* 765 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state with reference to the notification in the Army department at pages 1414–1419 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 25th September 1928, whether the messing allowance of 10 annas per month mentioned on page 1418 in Schedule III—Provincial Units, for junior officers, non-commissioned officers and men is correct or whether there is any error in the republication of the notification?

A.—There is no error in the republication of the notification.

Pensions

Payment of pensions to pensioners in Trichinopoly district.

* 766 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that till August 1928 the pensioners in the Trichinopoly district were paid their pensions on the 1st or 2nd of every month ;

(*b*) whether the Collector of the district has issued an order to commence payment of pensions only from the 4th of every month ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a similar trouble arose regarding the payment of pensions to the pensioners in that district in 1924, and whether the Government then passed an order cancelling the then Collector's order ; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to pass a similar order at present also and, if not, why ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government are not aware whether the facts are as suggested. A report has been called for.

(*c*) & (*d*) A representation was made to the Government in November 1923 in connexion with the dates of payment of pension in the Trichinopoly sub-treasury. After obtaining a report on the subject, the Government passed orders allowing the Collector to use his discretion in the matter.

Mr. M. V. GANGADHARA SIVA :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*c*), will the Government be pleased to cancel the orders allowing the Collector to use his discretion in the matter of payment of pensions, having regard to the fact that the pensioners are old ? "

The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—" The Government do not propose to withdraw discretion vested in an officer unless it can be shown that he has abused it."